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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UN, CO

SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN DELEGATION TO US GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: STATE 174996

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD NOT ATTEND THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOR WOULD HE ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE DOES EXPECT TO BE IN NEW YORK FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY OCT 1. THE MINISTER IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCT 6.

2.

THE MINISTER SAID THAT FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE BALANCE OF THE REGULAR SESSION, THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY GERMAN ZEA, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER. THE MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT ZEA WOULD BE NAMED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN REPLACING CAICEDO. (THE MINISTER SAID THAT THIS APPOINTMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL; PLEASE PROTECT.)

3. ZEA, 70 YEARS OF AGE, IS A LAWYER BY TRAINING AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS SENATOR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CUNDINAMARCA. THE SON OF A PROMINENT LIBERAL CONGRESSMAN, HE FIRST BECAME A MEMBER OF

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CONGRESS IN 1935. HE SERVED AS U.N. PERMREP 1961-1965 AND WAS

FOREIGN MINISTER FROM 1966-68. HE IS A STRONG POLITICAL FIGURE
WITH A REPUTATION AS AN EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR. HE IS
FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. ZEA CHARED THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION TO
THE LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND HIS INTEREST
IN LOS MATTERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN HIS NEW POSITION.
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